Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Arlen Specter Chairman Senate Judiciary Committee 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy Ranking Member Senate Judiciary Committee 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Specter and Ranking Member Leahy:

We are writing to convey our support for the nomination of Judge John Roberts for the U.S. Supreme Court and to encourage the Senate to confirm his appointment expeditiously. The American people deserve to witness a dignified and professional process that upholds the vision of our founding fathers.

Judge Roberts has demonstrated his commitment to this country, the Constitution, and the laws of the United States both as a public servant and as a private sector attorney. When he was considered for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Judge Roberts' nomination was endorsed by well-respected Republicans and Democrats alike. He was described as having "one of the best legal minds of his generation."

Judge Roberts' distinguished record shows that he recognizes the appropriate role that the judiciary plays in a democratic system of government. Judges have a duty to interpret our laws and our Constitution rather than substitute their personal beliefs for the law. We believe Judge Roberts will interpret the Constitution rather than legislate from the bench.

America would be well served if Judge Roberts is confirmed before the Supreme Court begins its session in October.

Sincerely,

Lamar Smith

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